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MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

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PURSUANT TO A RESOLUTION

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NINTH DEC. LAST,

INFORMATION

OF THE

Roads made, or in progress, under the authority of the Executive of the United States; the states and territories through which they pass, or are intended to pass; the periods when they were ordered to be made, and how far they have been executed.

JANUARY 23, 1818.

Read, and ordered to lie upon the table.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

IN SENATE

Approved, this _____ day of _____, 19____.

WITNESSED my hand and the seal of the Executive Office of the President at the City of Washington, this _____ day of _____, 19____.

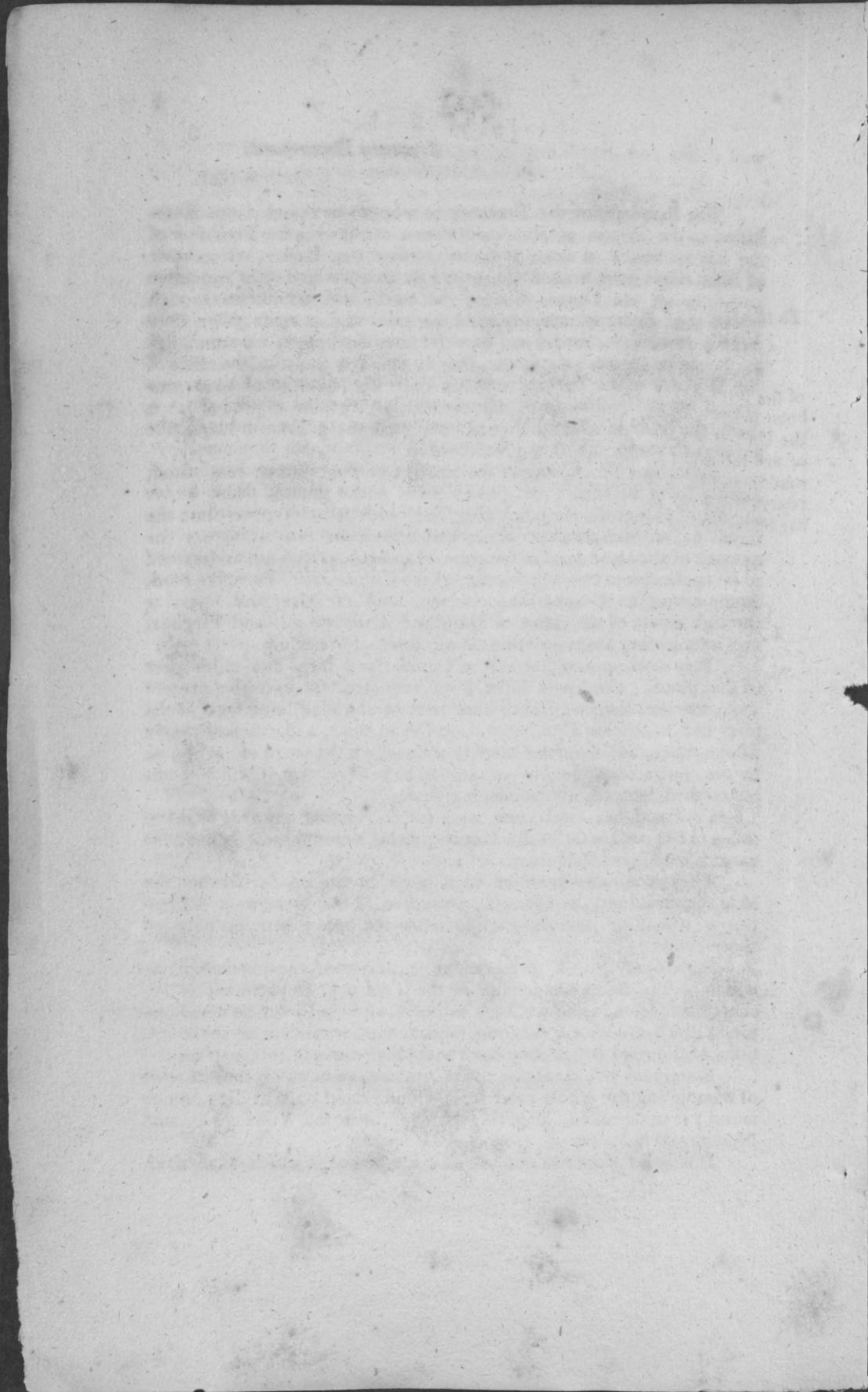
THE PRESIDENT

Washington, January 23d 1818.

*To the House of Representatives of the
United States.*

In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 9th of December last, requesting information what roads have been made, or are in progress under the authority of the executive of the United States; the states and territories through which they pass, or are intended to pass; the periods when they were ordered to be made, and how far they have been executed, I now communicate a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, and likewise a report from the Secretary of War, containing the information which is desired.

JAMES MONROE.



*Treasury Department,**29th December, 1817.*

The Secretary of the Treasury to whom was referred the Resolution of the House of Representatives, requesting the President of the United States, to cause to be laid before that House, information of what roads have been made, or are in progress under the executive authority of the United States; the states and territories through which they pass, or are intended to pass; the periods when they were ordered to be made, and how far they have been executed, has the honor to submit statements, No. 1, and No. 2, from the office of the Register of the Treasury, which show the number of roads embraced by the resolution; the sums which have been expended upon them; the periods when the money was paid at the Treasury, and the persons to whom the money was paid.

Statement No. 3, shows the amount of the two per cent. fund, arising from the sale of the public lands in the state of Ohio, under the act of Congress, for admitting the north west territory into the union as an independent state; and statement No. 4, shows the amount of the same fund in the state of Indiana, which are understood to be applicable to the construction of the Cumberland Turnpike road, commencing at Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, passing through a part of the states of Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia, and intersecting the river Ohio, at the town of Wheeling.

This road is completed from Cumberland forty-five miles west of that place. Contracts have been executed early in the present year, for the construction of that part of the road lying west of the forty fifth mile from Cumberland, to Union town, a distance of nearly fifteen miles; and from the activity with which the work is carried on by the contractors, there is just ground to believe, that it will be completed thus far early in the ensuing year.

Contracts have also been made for completing upwards of thirty miles of the road west of the Monongahela, including a section on the eastern margin of that river.

These contracts embrace such parts of the roads between the Monongahela and the Ohio, as presented the most serious difficulties to travelling, and the transportation of heavy articles between those rivers.

Statement No. 5, presents an estimate of the appropriations which will be necessary to enable the Treasury Department to discharge the demands which have accrued, and which will be demandable by the contractors, pending, and at the completion of those sections of the road which they have severally engaged to construct.

Statement No. 6, shows the estimated amount of the expense of completing the whole road from Cumberland to Wheeling, which is not yet undertaken, including bridges over the Yoheogeny, and Monongahela rivers.

It may be proper to observe that the demands which have alrea-

dy accrued beyond the appropriation for that object, and which now remain unpaid, exceed thirty-eight thousand dollars.

The vigor with which the present contractors have prosecuted their labors, furnishes the most satisfactory evidence of their capacity, and determination to perform their engagements within the time stipulated. There is also just reason to believe that the whole of the distance yet to be undertaken, both on the eastern and on the western side of the Monongahela, may be advantageously let in the course of the ensuing year, and that the road from Cumberland to the Ohio, may be completed in the best manner in two years from the present time, if appropriations equal to the object shall be made during the present session of Congress.

By statement No. 2, it appears that the appropriations for opening a road from the frontiers of Georgia, to New Orleans, and for opening another from Nashville to Nachez, were paid to, and disbursed by the post-master general; those roads being intended principally for the transportaion of the mail through the wilderness, separating the different points from whence they commenced and terminated.— Those roads were completed as far as the object for which they were intended, required; and are understood to be at this time in a state to be useful to that object.

The appropriations for opening roads from the Mississippi to the Ohio, and to the former Indian boundary line, established by the treaty of Greenville—from the foot of the rapids of the Miami of lake Erie, to the western line of the Connecticut reserve; and from Shawnee town to Kaskaskia, in the Illinois territory, have been expended as far as they have been carried into effect, by the Treasury Department.

The route of the last mentioned road has been explored, and the commissioners employed in the execution of that service, have transmitted a map thereof for the sanction of the President, but nothing more has yet been done. From the extent of the other roads, which have been opened under the direction of the Treasury Department, compared with the sums appropriated, and expended, the state of them may be readily conceived, but no particular information of their present state, exists in this department. The appropriations were made for opening them, and when that was accomplished, no further agency was required from the department.

The two last appropriations exhibited in No. 2, were placed at the disposition of the War Department. The money has been paid from the Treasury upon the requisition of the Secretary of the War Department, but no information has been received at this department of the application of the money to that object, nor of the state in which those roads are at this time.

All which is respectfully submitted, by

WM. H. CRAWFORD.

The President of the United States.

*Department of War,**January 20th, 1818.*

The Secretary of War to whom was referred the resolution of the House of Representatives, requesting the President of the United States, "to cause to be laid before that House, information of what roads have been made, or are in progress, under the executive authority of the United States; the states or territories through which they pass, or are intended to pass; the periods when they were ordered to be made, and how far they have been executed," has the honor to state, that in March, 1816, the general commanding the southern division was ordered to employ the troops in cutting a military road from the most convenient point upon the Tennessee river, to New Orleans. This road has been surveyed and a considerable part of it has been completed.

Orders were given in May, 1816, to the commandant of the fifth military department to employ the troops under his command in the construction of a military road from Detroit, to Fort Meigs, at the foot of the Rapids of the Miami of the Lakes. This road, it is believed, is nearly completed.

In May, 1816, a survey was ordered extending this road from Fort Meigs, to the Connecticut Reserve, in the state of Ohio; and another was intended to be opened at the same time, from the reservation at the Rapids, on the Sandusky, to the settled parts of the Ohio, south of that point.

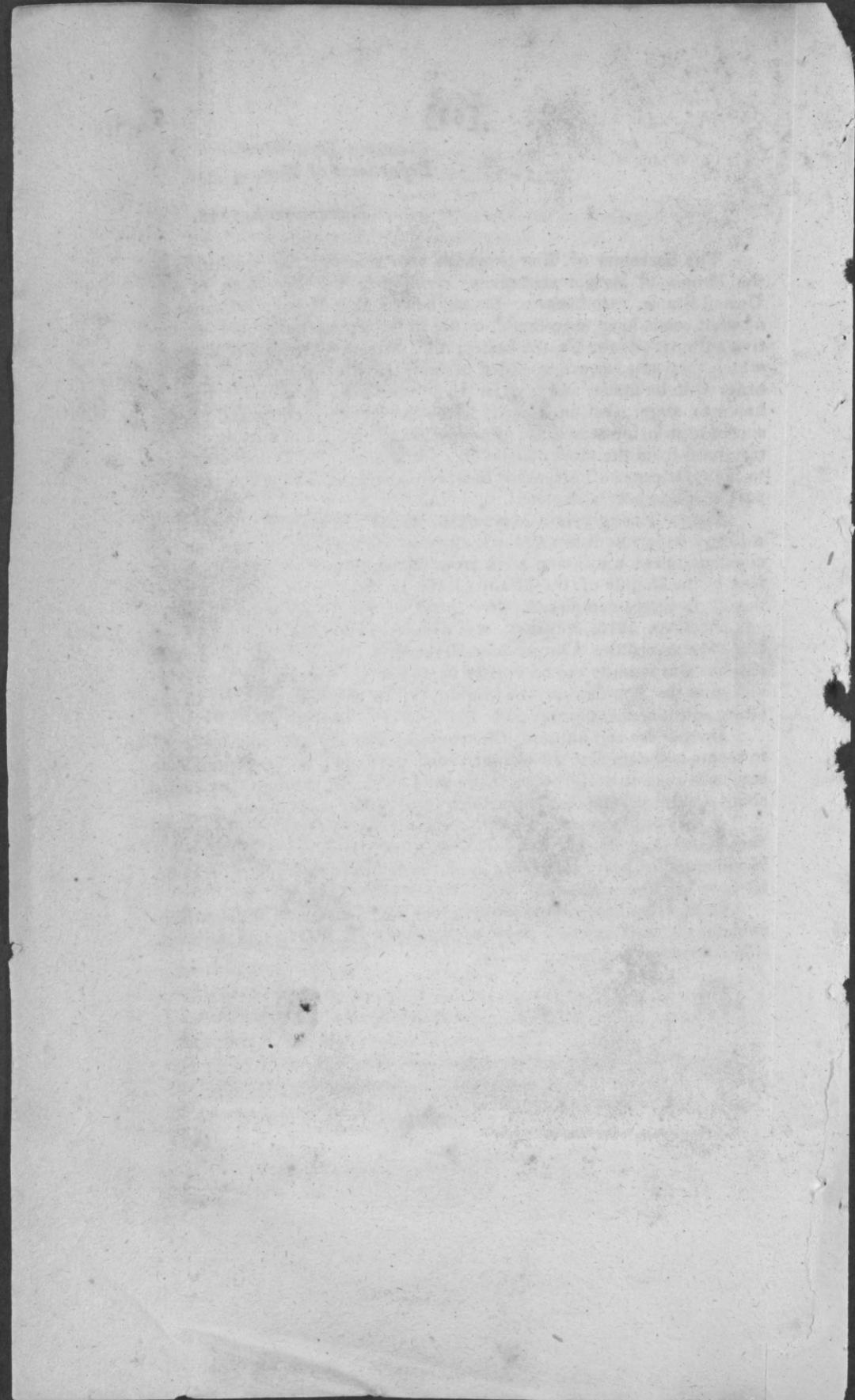
During the last autumn, the troops at Plattsburgh were ordered to repair and complete the military road between that station and the station at Sackett's Harbour, on the St. Lawrence, through Chataugay county, state of New York, in which some progress is made.

A part of the appropriation for the repair of the road between fort Hawkins and fort Stoddert, and of that between Columbia and Mandisonville, has been applied, and it is believed the repairs in the latter have been considerable.

In October last, orders were given to open the road from Reynoldsburgh, on Tennessee river, to Natchez. It is believed the work is in considerable forwardness.

J. C. CALHOUN.

The President of the United States.



No. 1.

SCHEDULE of the several appropriations made by law, in relation to the opening and making Roads, exhibiting the amount expended thereon—so much thereof as was unapplied and carried to the surplus fund, and so much thereof as remains to be applied.

Date of the act.	Designation of the Roads.	Amount appropriated.	Amount applied.	Amount not applied, carried to the surplus fund.	Balance remaining to be applied.	Remarks.
1806. April 21. 1809. February 17. June 28. ..	Opening a road from the frontier of Georgia to New Orleans,	13,800	5,500	8,300	..	Under the direction of the President of the United States.
..	Opening roads through the territory lately ceded by the Indians to the United States, from the river Mississippi to Ohio, and to the former Indian boundary line, which was established by the treaty of Greenville,	7,800 48	5,539 35	2,261 13	..		Ditto.
..	Opening a road from Nashville, in the state of Tennessee, to Natchez, in the Mississippi territory,	9,000	3,000	6,000	..	Ditto.
1811. December 12.	Surveying and making roads within the state of Ohio, as contemplated by the treaty of Brownstown.	6,000	5,945 50	54 50	..	Ditto.
1812. January 8.	Roads from the line established by the treaty of Greenville to the north bend in the state of Ohio,	800	..	800	..	Ditto.
1816. April 27. ..	Roads in the Illinois territory, Roads between Columbia, Tennessee, and Madisonville, Louisiana, and Fort Hawkins, Georgia, and Fort Stoddert,	8,000	1,208 51	..	6,791 49	Ditto.
1817. March 3.	Opening a road from Reynoldsburg, on Tennessee river, in the state of Tennessee, through the Chickasaw nation, to intersect the Natchez road near the southend of the Chickasaw Old-town,	10,000	10,000	..	..	Under the direction of the Sec. of War.
		4,000	4,000	..	..	Ditto.
			\$35,193 36			

Treasury Department, Register's Office, December 17, 1817.

Extract from the Records.

JOSEPH NOURSE, *Register.*

No. 2.

PARTICULARS OF THE SUMS STATED IN THE WITHIN TO HAVE BEEN APPLIED.

OPENING A ROAD FROM THE FRONTIER OF GEORGIA TO NEW ORLEANS.

To Gideon Granger, postmaster general, on account of said road, warrant No. 8658, dated March 11, 1807. 4,000
 1505, . July 28, 1809. 1,500
A 5,500

Opening Roads through the Territory lately ceded by the Indians to the United States, from the Mississippi to the Ohio, and to the former Indian boundary line which was established by the Treaty of Grenville.

To John Badollet, agent for opening said road,	Warrant, No. 9009, dated June 30, 1807.	315	
.	9645, . Dec. 31, .	338 77	
.	9920, . March 31, 1808.	450 75	
.	539, . Sept. 30, .	950	
.	540,	145	
.	541,	400	
.	542,	150	
.	543,	1,500	
To Nathaniel Ewing, agent for do.	Warrant, No. 1403, . June 30, 1809.	1,000	
.	2117, . March 31, 1810.	130 58	
To Benjamin Chambers, do.	Warrant, No. 3711, . August 1, 1811.	209 25	
			B 5,539 35

OPENING A ROAD FROM NASHVILLE TO NATCHEZ.

To Gideon Granger, postmaster general, on account of said road, warrant, No. 8659, dated March 11, 1807. C 3,000

ROADS UNDER THE TREATY OF BROWNSTOWN.

To Resin Beall, one of the commissioners,	Warrant, No. 5010, dated Aug. 26, 1812.	190 50	
To Benjamin Van Cleve, do	5011,	255	
To Return J. Meigs, governor of the state of Ohio, on account of the said roads,	5382, . Dec. 17, 1812.	5,500	
			A 5,945 50

ROADS IN THE ILLINOIS TERRITORY.

To Jonathan Taylor, Joseph M. Street, and Thomas Sloo, commissioners,	Warrant, No. 1982, dated Dec. 18, 1816.	600	
.	216, . April 28, 1817.	524 51	
.	557, . June 10, .	84	
			A 1,208 51

ROADS BETWEEN COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE, AND MADISONVILLE, LOUISIANA, AND FORT HAWKINS, GEORGIA, AND FORT STODDERT.

To Thomas T. Tucker, agent for the War Department, Warrant, No. 171, dated Oct. 30, 1817. A 10,000

OPENING A ROAD FROM REYNOLDSBURG ON TENNESSEE RIVER, THROUGH THE CHICKASAW NATION, &c.

To Thomas T. Tucker, agent for the War Department, Warrant, No. 135, dated July 31, 1817. A 4,000

\$35,193 36

*Those accounts marked A, remain unsettled.
 those marked B, are settled.
 those marked C, settled, and a balance due Mr. Granger of \$2,946 65, on that account.*

A

A STATEMENT of the several Rooms now occupied in the building appropriated for the Treasury Department, and of the Rooms occupied by the Commissioner of the Land Office.

Offices.	Rooms.	Rooms occupied by the Commissioner of the Land Office in hired house.	Rooms occupied by the Office of Discount and Deposit.	Remarks.
Secretary of the Treasury,	Four			<p>NOTE.—These rooms in number 28, together with two occupied by the Branch Bank, make thirty rooms, exclusive of the garrets—by the original construction of the treasury building, there were only 6 rooms in the N. E. part of the building, 6 rooms in the S. E. part of the building, 6 rooms in the S. W. do. 6 rooms in the N. W. do.</p> <p>— 24 rooms. 2 small rooms have been taken off a part of the lower and upper halls 2 fire proof rooms — 30 rooms.</p>
1st Comptroller,	Five			
1st Auditor,	Five			
5th Auditor,	Two			
Treasurer,	Two			
Commissioner of the Revenue,	Three			
Commissioner of the Land Office, . . . . .	..	Eight	
Register,	Seven			
Office of Discount and Deposit, . . . . .	..	..	Two

STATEMENT of the several Rooms proposed to be occupied by the Treasury Department, including the additional offices recently annexed thereunto.

Officers.	Rooms.	
Secretary of the Treasury,	Four	<p>A Should the third Auditor's proposition for an increase of the number of clerks to expedite the settlement of the army accounts be adopted, eleven rooms will be required, otherwise only nine rooms.</p>
1st Comptroller,	Six	
2d do.	Five	
1st Auditor,	Five	
2d do.	Seven	
3d do.	Nine A	
4th do.	Eight	
5th do.	Four	
Treasurer,	Two	
Commissioner of the Land Office,	Twelve	
Commissioner of the Revenue,	Three	
Register,	Eight	

B

A STATEMENT of the several Rooms in the War Office, now occupied by the Second Comptroller, Second, Third, and Fourth Auditors.

Offices.	Rooms.
Second Comptroller	Three
Second Auditor	Two
Third do. . . .	Six for clerks
Fourth do. . . .	Three

A STATEMENT of the several Rooms proposed to be occupied by the Second Comptroller, Second, Third, and Fourth Auditors, for the expediting the settlement of the public accounts.

Offices.	Rooms.	Remarks.
Second Comptroller	Five	<i>a</i> Should the Third Auditor's proposition for an increase of the number of Clerks to expedite the settlement of the army accounts be adopted, eleven rooms will be required, otherwise only nine rooms.
Second Auditor	Seven	
Third do. . . .	Eleven <i>a</i>	
Fourth do. . . .	Eight	

No. 3.

Estimate of monies received for lands in the state of Ohio, upon
which 2 per cent. is appropriated for roads leading to that state.

From 1st July 1802, to 30th September 1817 \$ 7,316,012 15

2 per cent. on that amount is - \$ 156,330

No. 4.

Estimate of moneys received for lands in the state of Indiana, sold from the 30th November, 1816, to the 30th September, 1817, upon which amount 2 per cent. is appropriated for roads leading to that state.

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Received at Vincennes.		Received at Jeffersonville.		Received at Cincinnati for lands in Indiana.	
Months.	Dolls. Cts.	Months.	Dolls. Cts.	Months.	Dolls. Cts.
1816. December	9,807 70	1816. December	25,446 86	1816. December	14,910 23
1817. January	9,726 51	1817. January	23,320 85	1817. January	16,580 70
February	8,302 4	February	19,776 99	February	11,263 25
March	7,271 37	March	6,188 59	March	10,433 79
April	6,985 30	April	10,998 94	April	13,174 9
May	12,691 35	May	14,925 37	May	13,327 67
June	15,645 11	June	13,419 74	June	14,478 9
July	13,972 22	July	9,736 50	July	16,064 41
August	15,875 93	August	14,268 24	August	18,885 88
September	19,249 76	September	20,595 27	September	18,688 88
	<u>119,527 29</u>		<u>158,677 35</u>		<u>147,806 99</u>
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Deduct expenses.

Register's and receiver's salaries	3,000
Commission on 426,011 63, at 2 1-2 per ct.	10,650
Incidental expenses	3,000

426,011 63

16,650

Nett amount received, \$409,361 63

General Land Office, 19th December, 1817.

JOSIAH MEIGS.

No. 5.

Estimate of the amount necessary to be appropriated, to enable the Treasury Department to discharge the demands which have accrued, and which will be demandable by the contractors, pending, and at the completion of those sections of the Cumberland road, which they have engaged to construct.

Amount of claims presented at the Treasury remaining unpaid	- - - - -	\$ 52,984 60
Amount of demands which will be made under the existing contracts	- - - - -	260,000
		<u>\$ 312,984 60</u>

 No. 6.

Estimate of the amount necessary for the completion of the whole of the road from Cumberland to Wheeling, which is not yet undertaken.

35 miles, including the cost of the construction of the bridge over the Monongahela	- - - - -	\$ 400,000
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